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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01/11/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 11-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 11-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art in view of Terry et al (US 6,681,108).

Regarding claims 1, 9 and 18, Terry teaches in an initiator device having a wireless transceiver (see column 6, lines 53-54 and see fig.1, signal 109), a method for discovering a name of a responding device (see Abstract) comprising: broadcasting a first wireless signal to be received by the responding device (see column 6, lines 53-66), receiving a second wireless signal from the responding device (see column 5, lines 32-41), the second wireless signal sent in response to the first wireless signal and comprising an address for the responding device (see column 6, lines 53-66), accessing a memory cache comprising names of devices, determining whether a name for the

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responding device is present in the memory cache (see column 6, lines 53-66), transmitting a wireless request for a name to the responding device provided a name for the responding device is absent from the memory cache (see column 6, lines 53-66), receiving a name for the responding device in response to the wireless request, and storing the name received from the responding device in the memory cache (see column 7, line 14 to column 8, line 29). Terry does not specifically disclose the name is indexed in the memory cache using the address for the responding device and wherein the name is retrievable from the memory cache using the address.

Barry teaches the name is indexed (column 3, lines 28-43, see "*group IDs along with the common name (alias) associated with the group ID*" and column 4, lines 26-48, Barry teaches "*deport code is used to retrieve the deport group ID*", the teaching of Barry inherently teaches applicant's "indexed". If not, Barry will not know where to retrieve the deport group ID. In addition, applicant's specification page 9, lines 23 disclose that "*the address is used as an index*", and page 31, lines 17-19 and page 35, lines 3-7 disclose that "*It is appreciated that other types of information uniquely identifying responding device 730 can be used to index user friendly-name 760 in memory cache 710*") in the memory cache using the address for the responding device and wherein the name is retrievable from the memory cache using the address (see column 4, lines 26-48, Barry's "code" reads on applicant's "address", Barry's "ID" reads on applicant's "name". In addition, see applicant's specification page 9, lines 20-23).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Barry into the system of Terry in

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order to provide a method and apparatus that enables an RF communication system to efficiently support subfleet calls for both voice and data communications (see Barry, column 2, lines 25-29).

Regarding claims 3 and 21, Terry further removing from the memory cache an entry for one of the devices when a total number of cache entries exceeds a predetermined limit, the entry comprising a name and an address (see column 8, lines 24-29).

Regarding claims 4 and 15, Terry further teaches an entry is removed from the memory cache according to an aging scheme, wherein the aging scheme ranks entries according to frequency of use (see column 8, lines 24-29).

Regarding claims 5 and 12, Terry further teaches updating the memory cache when the name for the responding device is changed (see column 8, lines 24-29).

Regarding claims 6, 11 and 20, Terry further teaches displaying the name on a display of the initiator device (see column 7, lines 14-17).

Regarding claims 7, 16 and 25, the combination of Terry and Barry teaches the initiator device and responding device are short-range-enabled devices (see Terry, column 6, lines 53-54, see "short range"). The combination of Terry and Barry does not specifically disclose Bluetooth-enabled devices. However, the examiner takes Official notice that such feature as recited is very well known in the art.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Terry and Barry in order to provide a method as claimed, for providing Bluetooth-enabled devices.

Regarding claims 8, 17 and 26, Terry further teaches the initiator device is a portable computer system (see fig.1).

Regarding claim 13, Terry further teaches storing in the memory cache an entry for each of a plurality of other responding devices, the entry comprising a name and an address (see column 7, lines 54-64).

Regarding claim 14, Terry further teaches removing from the memory cache an entry for one of the responding devices when a total number of cache entries exceeds a predetermined limit (see column 8, lines 24-29).

Regarding claim 19, Terry further teaches broadcasting a second wireless signal to be received by the responding device, receiving the address from the responding device in response to the second wireless signal, and retrieving from the memory cache the name corresponding to the address (see column 6, line 53 to column 8, lines 29).

Regarding claim 22, Terry further teaches storing in the memory cache an entry for each of a plurality of responding devices, the entry comprising a name and an address (see column 6, line 53 to column 8, lines 29).

Regarding claim 23, Terry further teaches removing from the memory cache an entry for one of the plurality of responding devices when a total number of cache entries exceeds a predetermined limit (see column 8, lines 24-29).

Regarding claim 24, Terry further teaches an entry is removed from the memory cache according to an aging scheme, wherein the aging scheme ranks entries according to frequency of use (see column 8, lines 24-29).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-9 and 11-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi H. Ly whose telephone number is (571) 272-7911. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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